Perryfields Junior School

The Friday Flyer

Week 9 – November 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome so many children to my office this week to receive a Headteacher's Award for their fantastic creativity in English as well as their determination and effort in maths. It has been a real pleasure to see such high-quality learning taking place across the school.

Miss Cole led an important assembly on road safety on Tuesday, reminding the children how to keep themselves safe both as pedestrians and passengers.

Mrs Markscheffel led our Remembrance assembly on Wednesday, followed by a two-minute silence on the playground at 11am. It was a special opportunity for us all to pause and reflect together, with the sound of the cannons from Chelmsford adding a poignant touch to the occasion.

The school community came together on Thursday to support Children in Need by wearing a spotty accessory. The children embraced the challenge brilliantly, showing great creativity and enthusiasm. Thanks to your support, we raised approximately £100 for this important cause.

We were delighted to hold our Careers Morning on Thursday, giving the children a brilliant opportunity to learn about a wide range of professions and the many different paths people can take in life. We were fortunate to welcome volunteers from our local community, including an aviation engineer, police officer, hairdresser, voice-over artist, nurse, charity CEO, photographer, software engineer and a trauma and orthopaedic administrator. The children asked thoughtful questions throughout the morning and showed great curiosity about the world of work. The event sparked a huge amount of interest and excitement, with the children buzzing about it ever since!

It was also a pleasure to welcome our school governors into school that morning. Before attending our curriculum meeting, they visited the Careers Morning and enjoyed seeing the children so engaged in their learning. A huge thank you to our volunteers for giving their time to inspire our pupils, and to our governors for joining us and supporting this enriching event.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be celebrating individuality and kindness by wearing odd socks on Monday, 16th November. This simple act is a lovely reminder that our differences should be celebrated.

Finally, with the weather turning much colder, please do make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat so they can continue to enjoy outside playtimes.

Mrs S Edwards

Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Jasmine
Seuss: Millie
Dahl: Bradley
Lewis: Michelle
Rundell: Eliza
Rowling: Adhrit
Tolkien: Alisha
Morpurgo: Carl
Pullman: Bryony

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award
Morpurgo Class – 99.1%

Award for Outstanding Manners
Alisha – Tolkien Class
Leo – Rundell Class

PE Award
Ffion – Tolkien Class

Spellers Award
Rundell Class

RAK
Hayden – Cowell Class
Happy – Rowling Class

ATTENDANCE

The national expectation for attendance is 96%. The government has clarified the position regarding the term 'regular' attendance. It means children must be in school EVERY DAY. Every second counts at Perryfields. We must work together to improve attendance and punctuality even more.

Year 3	93.4%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	95.3%
Year 6	98.2%



Coming Up This Term!

Monday 16th November	**Odd Socks Day (and Anti-Bullying Week!)– wear odd socks to celebrate what makes everyone unique. Email sent**
Thursday 19th November	**Lockdown Drill (Practise)**
Friday 20th November	**Autumn Music Extravaganza**
Monday 23rd November	**Ancient Greek Workshop Year 4 – Please give permission and pay via ScoPay. Volunteers needed please contact the school office. Email sent**
Tuesday 24th November	**Year 5 attending The Boswells School for the pantomime. Children should arrive to school promptly at 8.15am. Email sent**
Friday 27th November	**Christmas Fayre – email sent**
Thursday 10th December	**Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day**
Tuesday 15th December	**Year 4 Christmas Service – Details to follow**
Wednesday 16th December	**Christmas Bauble Making – Details to follow**
Thursday 17th December	**House Talent Contest & Sing Off!**
Friday 18th December	**Christmas Parties – School finishes at 1.30pm (no Teatime Club)**

Please see menu below

Please note that we can also provide a jacket potato or a packed lunch if your child would prefer this. This will be either the baguette, wrap or soft roll and also includes a drink, fruit and the dessert of the day.

Week: One

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main course – Meat	Baguette Pepperoni Pizza	Popcorn Chicken	Mini Gammon Roast	Mini Breakfast with Sausage	Chicken Chunks
Main course – Vegetarian	Baguette Cheese Pizza	Meat Free Popcorn Fillet	Mini Vegetable Bake Roast	Mini Breakfast with Quorn Sausage	Meat Free Dippers
Main course – Gluten Free	Gluten Free Cheese Pizza	Popcorn Chicken	Mini Gammon Roast	Mini Breakfast with GF Sausage	GF Fish Fingers
Main course – Jacket Potato	Tuna & Cheese	Beans & Cheese	Beans & Tuna	Beans & Cheese	Beans, Cheese & Tuna
Side Dish	Pasta Salad Sweetcorn	Crispy cubes Beans	Country Mixed Vegetables Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Hash Browns, Beans, Mushrooms & Tinned Plum Tomatoes	Chips & Beans
Vegetables	Salad Bar	Salad Bar		Salad Bar	Salad Bar
Packed Lunch	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)
Dessert	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Smoothies	Chocolate & Cinnamon Shortbread	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Brownie
Drinks	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk

Parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school need to make a formal application to the Council for a junior school (Year 3) place and can do so via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The junior admission round opened on **9 November 2026**, for parents of children in Year 2 at an infant school to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2027**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

At The National College, our Wake Up Wednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.

2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.

3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.

4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.

5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.

6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING

Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.

7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.

8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.

9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.

10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CEOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

Meet Our Expert

Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed the way education establishments go about developing their workforces and managing compliance. Our three memberships help all phases and types of setting raise standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.

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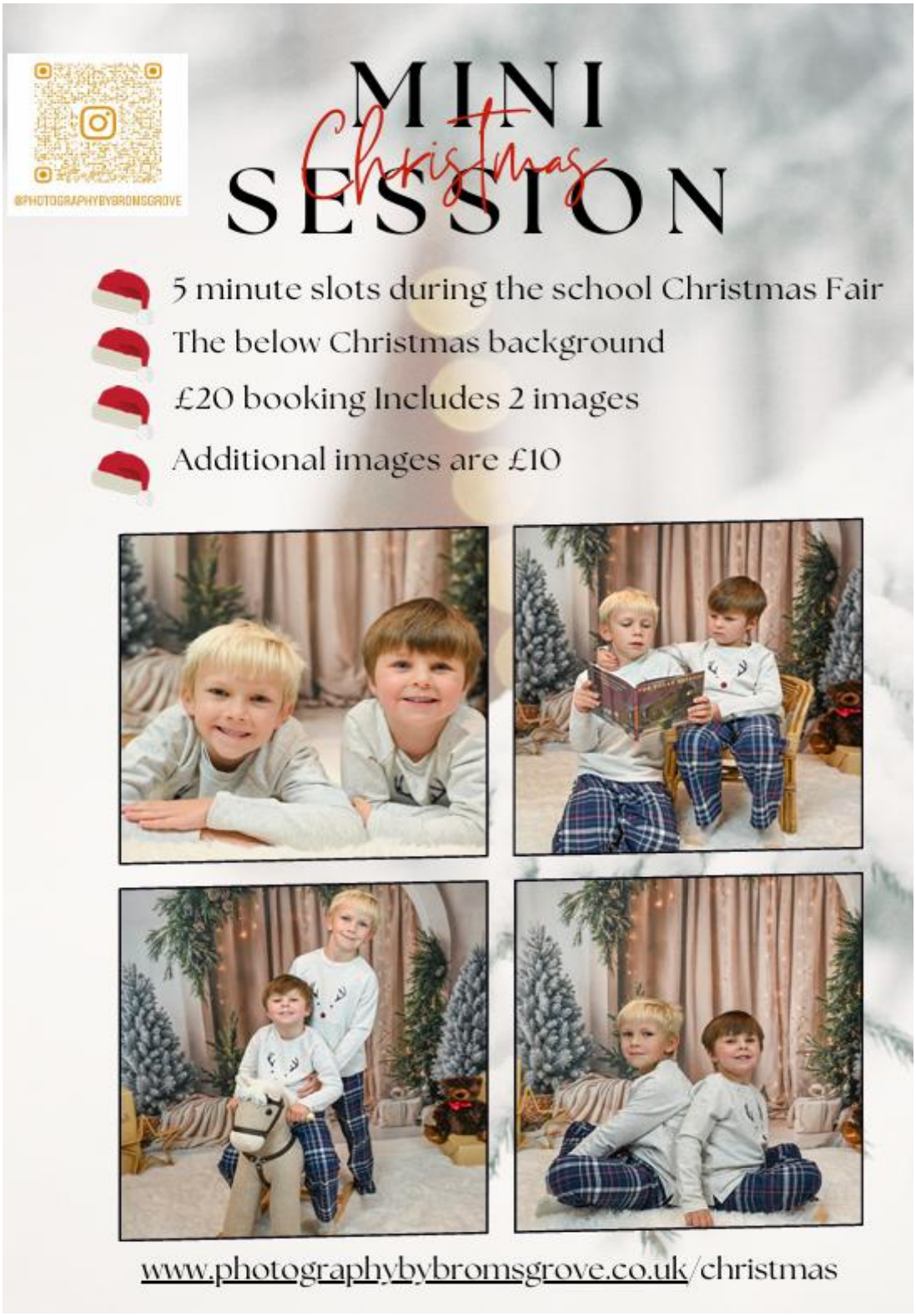
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Excited to Announce Family Photos at the Christmas fair with Photography by Bromsgrove

Many of you may have had this experience at Infants. Relaxed, fun shoots for those perfect Christmas gifts. Book a 5-minute slot, pop along during the fair, then receive a personalised gallery to choose from. £20 includes 2 high quality digital downloads, additional images are £10.

Each booking donates to the School PTA.

https://photographybybromsgrove.co.uk/christmas




Breakfast
With Santa at Sanctus
Bring the whole family for a magical morning of holiday fun, yummy food, and festive memories!
Date: Sunday 13th December 2026
Time: 10 - 12pm
Location: Sanctus, Broomfield Road, CM1 1SW
Enjoy a tasty breakfast with refillable tea & coffee and Orange Squash
Snap a photo with Santa himself!
Each little guest will be delighted with a gift from Santa!
Christmas music & magical moments included!
Tickets: £12.99 per child
£14.99 per adult
Please note: Sanctus is closed on Sundays except for special events like this one!
Spots are limited — grab yours now
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